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To The Arizona Corporation Commission

Proposed Rate Increase for Arizona American Water ----- 79%

In the shadow of last years rate increase, I am wondering how Arizona American Water can possible need another 79% rate increase. Could it be they are padding the request for more than they actually need? I think AA Water may also be padding their expenses as well. During last years rate increase request I attempted to get a copy of the balance sheet and operating statement for the company and found that they do not provide the standard reporting data. There is no operating information for the rate payer to review as they state in their notices sent to the rate payers. It is quite apparent they do not want to have that information available for the public (rate payers) to see. It sure looks like the management is PUMPING UP EXPENSES to obtain yet another rate increase. I would like to see the real numbers for this company including the salary and benefit packages for the top management and board of directors. This company is entitled to a fair and reasonable profit. That being said, they should be required to provide clear, concise operating costs. I do hope the Corporation Commission will do the right thing for the rate payers and audit the operating costs carefully.

At the end of the day, if they really do need 79%, then show us the numbers.

Thank You

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